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Sweden set the pace in the opening of the ladies doubles just like the men's first. Yvonne Nilsson had 210 and perennial Swedish reserve player Gerd Elmerskog had 178. Elmerskog is a real fighter and this could be the break she has been waiting for. France has a compact challenge for top honours with Francois/Pocino in second with 387 or one pin behind Sweden and they have Borie/Moulenac in third with 368. Then follow Brosch/Simon, Germany 366 and Finland's veterans Krogerus/Hilokoski on 361.

Identical 193 games put Germany's Elke Brosch and Margot Simon at the top with 752 but it is CROWDED AT THE TOP: Within a dozen pins of the leaders are Finland Krogerus/Hilokoski 749, Denmark Hornbaek/Madsen 748, Sweden Nilsson/Elmerskog 747, Belgium Maes/Adriaensen 747 and France Borie/Moulenac 740. The other French pair dropped from second to 7th totalling 724 after two.

Sweden took back the lead at the mid-point standings with 1131 on a very balanced effort. Elmerskog has 569 and Nilsson 562. Finland's second with 1124. In this duo we have the individual leader over three Lea Hilokoski on 599 on three even games 199-205-195. Runner-up to Lea is Jane Virot of Great Britain on 593 but her pair is only in 6th place on 1086. Denmark with Hornbaek/Madsen are in third 1120. Also over eleven is Francois/Pocino with 1103.

Finally some moments of joy for the local supporters: EXPLOSION BY FINLAND..... Lea Hilokoski got 226 on two tripple strikes and Eija Krogerus also made par on a four in-a-row but lost ground on a split and a cherry. Finland suddenly opened a seventy pin plus gap with the 1552 total. Next in close proximity are France and Great Britain 1476 and 1475 represented by Francois/Pocino and Virot/Cuthbert. Denmark still hangs on with 1459 but then there is a gap down 1420 and Germany.

Sweden's Yvonne Nilsson starred in the fifth game. She got five in-a-row from the 4th frame and added a double in 10th for 244. With her partner Gerd Elmerskog they are on the climb again, now in 4th with 1847. Finland are still running clear of the pack with 1945 while Netherlands have gone up to places to second with 1873 ten pins more than Viro/Cuthbert of Great Britain. France represented by Pocino and Francois with 1840 are still in contention. The only other twosome over 1800 is Hornbaek/Madsen of Denmark by a margin of ten pins.

SOME HOT STUFF - Veterans Lea Hilokoski and Eija Krogerus made no mistake when the air around was filled with the sweet smell of medals. Lea struck out from the 5th frame leaving a single pin on the last shot for a fantastic 244 final game and Eija added 209 for a tremendous 453. When Lea had 1250 personally it meant a NEW FIQ RECORD for six games American style and adding Eija's 1148 for the 2398 total, it also spells a new FIQ RECORD. With the hall full of Finnish supporters keeping their breath and shouting with joy for the strikes the subsequent positions are unclear at print time. Adding the 1250 to her 1201 opening Lea Hilokoski is averaging 204 after twelve games.

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